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Attorney Docket No: PROL.0010001

**PATENT**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

# A PORTABLE LIGHT SYSTEM HAVING A SEALED SWITCH

the specification of which:

[X] is attached hereto;

was filed as United States Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

was filed as PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_ and was amended under PCT Article 19 or

Article 34 on \_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

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60/464,734  
(Application Number)

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(Application Number)

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Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Brian Preaux

Application or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Filed or Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: A Portable Light System Having A Sealed Switch

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

- the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
- the application identified above.
- the patent identified above.

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